

SOFT COAL IS SHY

There May Be a Coal Famine in the City.

DEALERS FORCED TO HUSTLE

To Meet the Demands of Their Customers—The Shortage Due to the Trunk Lines—Outlook.

Grand Rapids is in danger of a soft coal famine. Every dealer in the city is short and has to hustle to supply his regular customers. The railroad companies have no coal to spare, and unless the weather moderates before many days the public will have an effective illustration of what it means to be out in the cold.

The responsibility for the shortage seems to rest with the trunk lines. They are badly blocked and have all they can do to handle their passenger trains and take care of their fast freight. An illustration of their condition is seen in the action of the Michigan Central in abandoning two of its through passenger trains until there shall be a change for the better in the weather. If the trunk lines cannot take care of their passenger trains, it is without saying that the coal service must suffer. The roads in the Ohio valley have met with an unusual amount of trouble, and it is to their inability to handle their trains that the coal shortage is due. The Wheeling & Lake Erie, the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, and the roads of the Pennsylvania system are the particular sufferers in that respect.

Scarcity of Hard Coal.
The present shortage in the city is confined exclusively to bituminous coal. The coal yards are full of anthracite. None of the dealers have as yet been unable to supply their customers with some kind of soft coal, but the consumer is forced to take any brand he can get. Yesterday there was not a ton of block or Jackson Hill coal in the city.

The manner of handling soft coal involves a shortage in case of a severe storm. The coal is not unloaded, but is sold from the car. In case the cars are not emptied within five days, car service charges are made. Bituminous coal is sold on a very small margin, according to the statements of the dealers, and they cannot afford to pay any charges for the detention of cars. If the coal is unloaded, the cost of rehandling and the waste, eats up the margins. Consequently the dealers keep standing orders for enough coal to supply their regular customers and meet the estimated outside demand. In case the regular consignment is delayed, the dealer has to hustle. If his hustle isn't effective, the customer has to make the best of it. That is the present condition of things.

The Railroads Troubled.
"We have not been troubled for coal yet," said W. E. Sturgeon, superintendent of the G. R. & I., yesterday. "But we have no coal to spare. The trunk lines seem unable to meet the demand. The cold weather has increased the consumption. We can handle all the coal we can get, but it is almost impossible to get any."
"The West Michigan is bothered a great deal for coal," said Gilbert Appleton, chief clerk in Superintendent Agnew's office. "We have not been compelled to abandon any trains, but our supply has been uncomfortably short several times. If there are no more big storms we expect to pull through without any serious trouble."
The railway offices are besieged by local dealers, who demand to know the reason why their coal does not arrive.

Sailed by the Railroads.
"We received eight car loads of Hocking Valley coal this morning," said E. W. Seaman of the Central Coal company. "Some of it was shipped over two weeks ago. If this weather holds on another week or so there will be some lively scrambling for coal here in Grand Rapids. We supply the steam railway company. That requires about thirty tons of coal a day, and we must keep up that. The great danger lies in the railroads getting short. If they do they will immediately cease our coal and use it. A railroad company always looks out for itself first. They will burn our coal and report the matter afterwards. That is what they are already doing in Chicago. The dealer and the public simply have to make the best of it."
The Bennett Ice and Coal company, the Grand Rapids Ice and Coal company, the Valley City and the Collins company all report that they are unable to run short of coal any day unless the trunk lines begin to handle more cars. As yet there has been no attempt to increase prices in the city.

NOVELTY IN FURNITURE

Delightful Designs in Steel Are Being Exhibited.

Only an ordinary amount of business was transacted by the furniture men yesterday. Most of the business was done in the morning, when the sales were comparatively large. Although no one connected with the displays seemed to be rushed with business, the general feeling is that the sale has so far been very satisfactory and that before the month is over the sales will amount to as much as any previous years.

Mrs. S. A. Kusselman of Detroit is the only saleswoman in the city who has charge of an exhibition at the furniture sale. The line which she especially shows is that of wood, but of steel, painted folding chairs, folding tables, music racks, cradles, wardrobes, camp

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stools, window seats and foot rests, all made of steel and so constructed as to fold away in the smallest possible space are her specialties, and her room in the Blodgett block is exceedingly attractive.
The steel furniture is a novelty and Mrs. Kusselman is introducing it here for the first time. Each piece is dainty and strong. The various articles are finished in enamel of different colors. The chairs are upholstered with dainty furniture coverings, while the tables are draped with ribbons. Mrs. Kusselman told a reporter for THE HERALD yesterday that although she was the only woman selling furniture in the city she was meeting with excellent success.

City News in Brief.

Assistant City Engineer Ames and C. H. Redmond and E. W. Redmond of the city engineer's office, went to Lansing yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the state association of engineers. Z. E. Knapp and City Engineer Collier will go today if they are able to get away.

John Hergenberger, aged 69 years, was found dead in bed in his home at No. 121 California street yesterday morning. Mr. Hergenberger has been in feeble health for some time. Coroner Bradish attributed death to old age.

Several cyclists from this city will attend a benefit performance of the "Cyclists' Club" which will be given by the Sparta Cycling club on the evenings of February 2 and 3, at Hastings' hall, in Sparta, by talent from that club.

The annual report of the Grand Rapids Brass company shows that \$70,000 of the \$100,000 capital stock is paid up. The company is worth \$20,333.95 and the personal property is worth \$98,143.37. The debts are \$54,143.35 and the credits are \$21,219.61.

Mrs. Malvina Kingsbury, wife of H. D. Kingsbury of this city, died at Mentor, Ohio, last Saturday. Mrs. Kingsbury was an old resident here. She had been an invalid for some time and was visiting her sister when she died.

The Michigan General Passenger Agents' association will meet in Saginaw today. The annual election of officers will be held. C. L. Lockwood of the G. R. & I. will attend the meeting.

The Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon meeting will be held in the gymnasium of the new building. This is the first meeting held in the building, and a special program will be rendered.

Voigt, Herpolzheimer & Co.'s employees were treated by Mr. Herpolzheimer to a sleighride to Cascade last night. Supper, music and dancing were enjoyed at the Springs.

Miss Ella Morrison will give an illustrated "Talk on Rome" for the benefit of the Women's Missionary societies of Park Congregational church in the church parlors this evening.

Last night Fr. Buckovitz, a Jesuit missionary from Buffalo, addressed one of the series of revival meetings at St. Mary's church. The service was in German.

The third of the Young People's meetings was held in Division street M. E. street last evening. The Fountain street Baptist young people have charge tonight.

J. T. Wheeler, C. M. Beckwith, J. E. Knapp, Jesse Wilson, H. B. Knott and Ethel Quimby went to Kalamazoo last evening to attend the Lane-Crane party.

Enterprise lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., will give a social party at its hall, corner of Stocking and Fourth streets, next Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair has been called out of town for a week or more. During his absence the Rev. F. J. Vincent will have charge.

By special request Rabbi F. W. Jesselson will deliver a sermon on the subject "Charity" tomorrow evening at Temple Emanuel.

E. J. Wallbridge, the East street grocer, was married last evening to Miss Cora Surplice at the bride's home in Newaygo.

The Grand Rapids guards will give an informal dancing party after the regular drill Monday evening.

The boys of St. Andrew's school give their annual entertainment in the school hall this evening.

DeMolay commandry K. T. drilled last night, preparatory to taking its trip to Big Rapids.

Members of the high school senior class and graduates have organized a G. R. man club.

The Y. M. C. A. congress will hold a session tonight and discuss the river improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rathbun started for California yesterday via New Orleans.

A. A. Raven, advertising manager for Heyman & Co., left last night for Chicago.

L. H. Wilkinson has been appointed deputy sheriff in Rockford.

LINCOLN CLUB BANQUET.

A Grand Reunion of Republicans February 10.

To Members of the Lincoln Republican club:

The general committee of arrangements of the Lincoln club have decided to hold a banquet on the date of their annual meeting, Friday evening, February 10, 1893. The banquet will be held in the Lincoln club rooms on Pearl street, at 7 o'clock p. m. The price of tickets for the banquet will be \$1.00, which is the actual cost of the same to the club. As the capacity of the hall is limited to the club membership, we ask that you notify us as early as February 1, whether you will be in attendance, and if so, remit \$1 for the banquet ticket at time of notification. This is necessary for the reason that the committee have decided to make provision for all present club members before taking in any new ones. After the first of February, the committee will feel at liberty to issue banquet tickets to new members in place of those not notifying us of their intention to be present. We are to have with us upon this occasion of our first annual banquet, Gov. John T. Rich, Hon. Thomas W. Palmer, ex-Gov. Austin Blair, Michigan's war governor, Gen. R. A. Alger, ex-Gov. Cyrus C. Luce, Lieut. Gov. J. Wright Goldthorn, Hon. Washington Gardner, P. T. Colgrove, and other prominent speakers of the state.

The following committees have been appointed to have charge of the celebration:

Committee on Arrangements—J. B. Griswold, Hon. M. S. Crosby, J. S. Horn, Hon. G. G. Sackett, C. W. McGill, Fred S. Maynard, William Alden Smith, John Patton, Jr., John W. Taggart, George Clapperton, C. K. Gibson, R. G. Ketcham, Hon. W. J. Stuart, Hon. A. R. Turner, S. M. Lemon, E. C. Conger, Jay D. Utley, C. E. Perkins, F. B. Aldrich.
Committee on Club Room—George Clapperton, Hon. M. S. Crosby, Hon.

C. E. Perkins, George Cogshall, L. C. Stow.

Committee on Invitation and Toasts—Hon. R. M. Cutcheon, John Patton, Jr., William Alden Smith.

The annual election of officers will take place at the club rooms on the afternoon of February 10, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. The annual membership dues of \$1.00 will be due and payable at that time. The club has been to considerable expense in fitting up these rooms to make a home for republicans, and a cordial invitation is extended to you to be with us upon this interesting occasion, and make our first annual meeting a success. George Clapperton has been appointed executive member of the general committee of arrangements, and all communications should be addressed to him. It is important that we have your response as early as February 1.
C. W. Watkins,
President.

COLORED FOLK'S HOP.

Had a Serious Sequel and Made Trouble for the Host.

The hop held by the colored gentry of the first ward in James Johnson's place at No. 154 Ellsworth avenue last Saturday resulted in a large sized row. John F. Lucas got full, as did most of those present, on what the colored people call stone fence, a mixture of hard cider and whisky. John knocked his host down and was arrested for assault and battery. He retaliated by making complaint against Johnson for selling liquor without a license. The examination was held yesterday morning and a lot of witnesses were sworn, ranging in color from a light yellow to a deep black. They had all taken some of Johnson's "stone fence," however, and swore they paid him for it. He was held for trial at the present term of the superior court. The United States authorities claim to have a good case against Johnson as he has not paid the government tax. As soon as the local authorities are done with him "Uncle Sam" will take a "round" out of him.

DIED AT HIS POST.

David Manby Found Dead in a Flag House.

David Manby, flagman at the Coldbrook crossing of the D. G. H. & M., was found dead in the little crossing house at 4:40 yesterday afternoon by John Kimball. Two section hands were talking with him about a half hour before he was found dead and he said he felt better than he had for some time. He has been in declining health recently and complained of shortness of breath and pains in the heart. Coroner Bradish decided that death was caused by heart disease.

Mr. Manby resided at No. 109 East Leonard street and is quite an old resident in the fifth ward. He leaves a wife and several grown up children. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and carried \$1,200 insurance on his life.

It's a Costly Storm House.

There is considerable comment among the supervisors on a bill of \$85, submitted for building a storm house at the east entrance of the court house. The matter was referred to the building committee yesterday. Chairman Benjamin said the same firm made the barge doors in the court rooms for \$40, which was \$20 lower than other bidders. He gave them the other job without figures and believes they've struck it too high this time.

Will Play at Rockford.

The Grand Rapids Comedy company will go to Rockford tonight where they will give a theatrical performance in Heesler hall. The company is composed of Misses Alice H. Taylor, Belle A. Thompson, Marie Thompson, Harry J. Lee, Harry B. Goss, Mrs. Frances Walsh, D. H. High, and Willie and Charlie Greer. Several friends will accompany them.

Burial Permits.

John Hergenberger, No. 121 California street, Greenwood; Alice Faulkner, Tainage —, St. Andrew's; Susan Beach, No. 54 Hogadone avenue, Oak Hill; John E. F. F. No. 291 East street, Oak Hill; William Chandler, Woodbury avenue, Valley City; Julia Ann Kelly, Grandville, Valley City; Catherine Walsh, No. 65 Second avenue, St. Andrew's; Nellie S. Winne, No. 276 Alps avenue, Greenwood.

Burglars blew open the safe of a Coldwater coal merchant Tuesday night, expecting to make a haul. They found it empty.

DIED.

FOUR—Yesterday, at his home, No. 291 East street, John E. F. F., aged 35 years. Funeral on Friday at 2 p. m.
REAR—Yesterday, at her home, No. 54 Hogadone avenue, Mrs. Susan Beach. Funeral at 2 p. m. Friday.

E. G. Cherriman, funeral director, No. 25 Fountain street.

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A gentleman from Ada, in the lobby of the Morton, said to another yesterday: "I came to the Rapids today to attend the big overcoat sale at the Tower—bought a \$25 nister for \$12.50 and am going home happy. Wonderful folks those Tower people and no wonder they do a big business. Nothing asleep in the Tower."

Card of Thanks.

We wish to publicly thank the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all our friends, for the sympathy, kindness and material aid given us during the sickness and death of Charles A. Robinson.

Mrs. CHARLES A. ROBINSON.
WILLIAM A. ROBINSON.
MARY L. TURNER.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 18, '93.

Tickets for the dance to be held at Sweet's hotel Monday evening, for the benefit of St. Cecilia's building fund, are on sale at Wm. A. Scribner's drug store and Sweet's hotel.

By Mail. We can send you a half dollar, dollars by mail in a "safety coin case" on receipt of \$1 in money and three cents in stamps, or we can send in registered letter for \$1.15.

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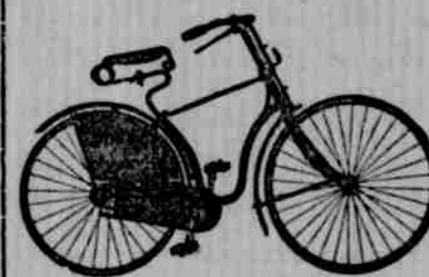
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All Astrachan Coats sold at \$75 and \$80, now... 60 00
All Astrachan Long Capes, now... 30 00
All Monkey Capes sold at \$50, now... 37 00
All Monkey Capes sold at \$60, now... 45 00
All our Electric Seal Capes sold at \$35, now... 25 00
1,000 Black Hair Muffs to close, only... 25
1,000 Black Cooney Muffs sold at \$1.25, only... 60
All our Opossum Muffs to close, only... 1 50
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